

vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday March 15, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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PRELUDE Air from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*
Johann Sebastian Bach

INVOCATION

***HYMN 87** “The Glory of These Forty Days”
Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you are faithful to us,
but we have forgotten about you.
You are patient with us,
but we have made no time for others.
All that we have is from you,
but we have hoarded your gifts,
keeping them to ourselves.
Forgive us, Lord.
Take us as we are and recreate us.
Remind us of all that is true and good in
the world and renew our hearts for your service.
Make us your worthy servants,
carrying messages of your goodness into the world.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 19 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 166)

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM “Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts”
Henry Purcell

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 (page 156, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Adam Fronczek

***HYMN 84** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *Tune: RATHBUN*

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “God So Loved the World” *John Goss*

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

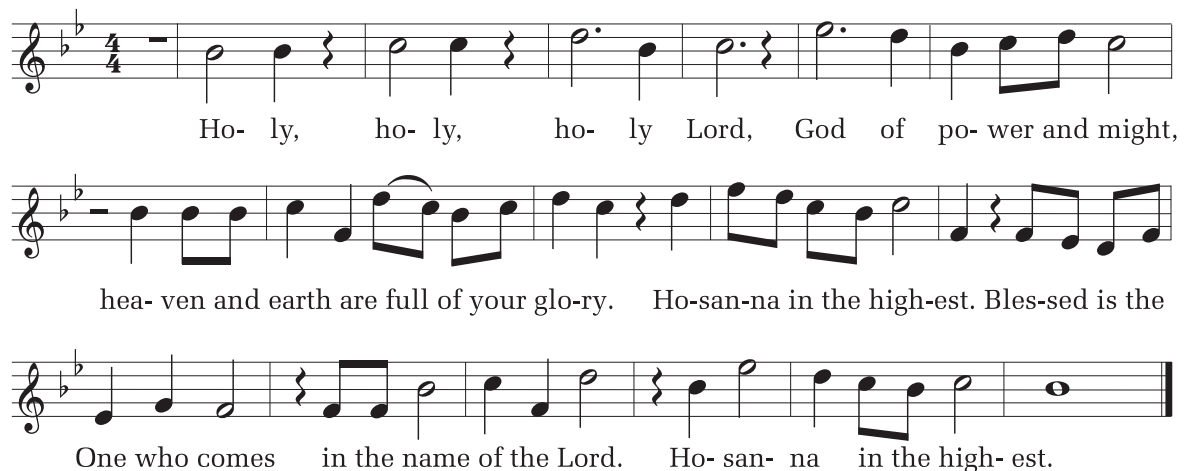
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name.



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Holy God, we thank you that at this table,
through your gifts of bread and wine,
we are forgiven of our shortcomings and
invited into a new relationship with you.
Help us to take this fresh start and go out
into the world strengthened to serve you
and to be a sign of your love to all whom we meet.
Amen.

***HYMN 172** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Tune: RESIGNATION

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Elegy

Malcolm Archer

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